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SENATE BILL NO. 198

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The following bill was reported to the House from the Senate and ordered to be printed.

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1 AN ACT relating to diabetes educators.

2 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 309.325 is amended to read as follows:

4 As used in KRS 309.325 to 309.339, unless the context requires otherwise:

5 (1) "Board" means the Kentucky Board of Licensed Diabetes Educators;

6 (2) "Diabetes education" means a comprehensive collaborative process through which
7 people with or at risk for diabetes gain the knowledge and skills needed to modify
8 behavior and successfully self-manage the disease and its related conditions; ~~and~~

9 (3) "Licensed diabetes educator" means a health care professional who has met the
10 requirements of KRS 309.335, 309.337, and 309.339 and who focuses on training
11 or educating people with or at risk for diabetes and related conditions to change
12 their behavior to achieve better clinical outcomes and improved health status. The
13 nondiabetes educator health professional and the nonhealth-care professional
14 who provide or support health care services to individuals with diabetes as
15 defined by the American Association of Diabetes Educators, Competencies for
16 Diabetes Educators, shall work under the direction of a qualified diabetes care
17 provider; and

18 (4) "Practice of diabetes education" means assessing and developing a plan of care
19 for a person with or at risk of diabetes, identifying self-management goals for the
20 person, providing self-management training according to the plan, evaluating the
21 individual's outcome and recording a complete record of the individual's
22 experience and follow-ups.

23 ➔Section 2. KRS 309.327 is amended to read as follows:

24 (1) No person shall use the title "licensed diabetes educator" or hold himself or herself
25 out as a "licensed diabetes educator" or a title substantially similar, or engage in
26 the practice of diabetes education, display a sign or in any other way advertise or
27 present himself or herself as a person who practices diabetes education unless he

1 or she holds a current, unsuspended and unrevoked license issued by the board
 2 ~~unless he or she is licensed~~] pursuant to KRS 309.325 to 309.339.

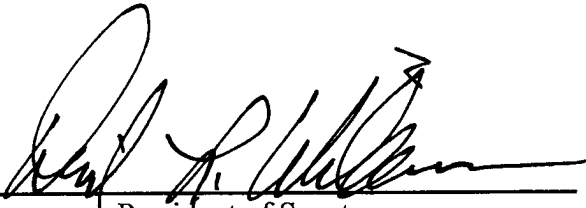
3 (2) Nothing in KRS 309.325 to 309.339 shall apply to persons licensed, certified, or
 4 registered under any other provision of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, including
 5 but not limited to physicians, nurses, pharmacists, dietitians, and nutritionists or
 6 students in accredited training programs in those professions, and nothing in KRS
 7 309.325 to 309.339 shall be construed to limit, interfere with, or restrict the
 8 practice, descriptions of services, or manner in which they hold themselves out to
 9 the public.

10 (3) Nothing in KRS 309.325 to 309.339 shall be construed to alter, amend, or interfere
 11 with the practice of those who provide health care services, including but not
 12 limited to physicians, nurses, pharmacists, dietitians, and nutritionists.

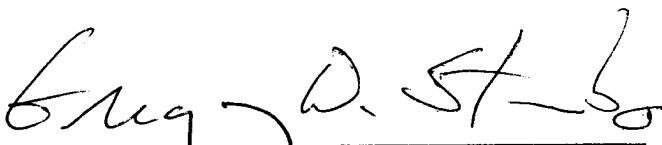
13 (4) Nothing in KRS 309.325 to 309.339 shall apply to activities and services of an
 14 accredited institution of higher education as part of a program of studies.

15 ➔SECTION 3. A NEW SECTION OF KRS 309.325 TO 309.339 IS CREATED
 16 TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

17 Any person who violates subsection (1) of Section 2 of this Act shall be guilty of a
 18 Class A misdemeanor.



President of Senate



Speaker-House of Representatives

Attest: 

Chief Clerk of Senate

Approved 

Governor

Date 4-11-12